(b) Rs. 2242.82 crore has been released in favour of Govemment of Rajasthan during 2004-05 to 2006-07.

(c) 6459 habitations have been connected, the remaining eligible habi-tations under Bharat Nirman are likely to be connected by December, 2007.

(d) and (e) The proposal for the year 2007-08 (Phase-VII) to cover habitations having population of 250-499 in Tribal and Desert blocks (19 districts) under PMGSY, was received from the State on 13.01.2007. Since this is beyond the purview of Bharat Nirman, the State was advised to submit the proposals for upgradation of through routes under Bharat Nirman. Accordingly, the State, *vide* letter dated 24.4.2007, has submitted the proposal for upgradation of through routes for the year 2007-08 (Phase-VII) under Bharat Nirman valued at Rs. 829.45 crore.

Funds to Jharkhand under PMGSY

4570. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOP-MENT be pleased to state:

(a) haw much of funds under PMGSY were due to Jharkhand from the year 2001-02, till date;

(b) how much of that has been released;

(c) whether it is a fact that the balance are not being released, even when Rs. 500/- crores are available; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that no agency is available to implement the projects in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOP-MENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Since inception of programme, the cumulative normative allocation of funds for Jharkhand is Rs. 1065 crore. Asum of Rs. 564.95 crore has been released till date.

(c) So far project proposals amounting to Rs. 633.03 crore have been approved against which a sum of Rs. 564.95 crore have been released. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is being implemented in accordance with the programme guidelines. Release of funds is regulated in accordance with Para 19 of the said guidelines, according to which

funds for the cleared projects will be made available to the State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) in two installments. The 1st installment amounting to 50% of the cleared value of projects, (or annual allocation which ever is lower) shall be released subject to fulfillment of conditions, if any, stipulated earlier. Further, release would be subject to utilisation of 60% of the available funds and completion of at least 80% of the road works awarded in the year previous to the preceding year and 100% of the awarded works of all the years preceding that year and fulfillment of other conditions, if any, stipulated while releasing the previous installment.

(d) The State Government has designated Rural Engineering Organisation as the Executing Agency for the implmentation of PMGSY in the State.

Rural road density in Jharkhand

4571. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rural road density in each of revenue block in Simdega and Gumla districts in Jharkhand;

(b) the details of the road length, block-wise and population-wise;

(c) whether these roads are all weather roads, having motorable bridges;

(d) whether all the block headquarters are connected with the district headquaters by good roads and bridges; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor and by when all the block headquarters would be connected by all-weather roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOP-MENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Public-Private Partnership for Rural Development

4572. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for Public-Private Partnership for Rural Development is pending for Government's consideration;